

Regular Meeting of the Durham County Board of Health, held

September 11, 2003, with the following members present:

William T. Small, MSPH, Chairman, Dr. Philip McHugh, Vice

Chairman, Dr. Mary D. Jacobs, Ruth Smullin, Dr. William Bordley,

Lorraine Salois-Deane, Dr. Ronald Spain, and John Zatti.

Absent (Excused): Robin Blanton, and Dr. James Shade

(Unexcused): Sandra Peele

**CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Small, Chairman, called the Regular Meeting to order with a quorum present.

The Chairman asked for any additions to the formal agenda.

The Health Director asked that after the minutes Rebecca Freeman, Nutrition Director, be allowed time to extend an invitation to the Board.

Ms. Smullin, Chair, Continuing Education Committee, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to remind the Board of the *Retreat that is scheduled on November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Health Department Auditorium.*

Ms. Smullin stressed the importance of the Retreat and said that the Board is privileged to have Vaughn Upshaw, Dr.PH, EdD. Ms. Upshaw is Director of the Doctoral Program in Public Health Leadership, and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Administration at the UNC School of Public Health. She said that Dr. Upshaw is a very knowledgeable, energetic, and dynamic person.

Ms. Smullin said that Dr. Upshaw would present material and asks for the Board's participation to generate ideas in its review of board governance and believes it is extremely important that Board members attend the Retreat.

Ms. Salois-Deane distributed a list of Board of Health Retreat References to the members.

- *Boards that Makes a Difference*, Carver, John
- *Governing Boards: Their Nature and Nurture*, Houle, Cyril O.
- *The Effective Board of Trustees*, Chait, Holland, and Taylor

**APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** The Chairman appointed Dr. Bordley and Dr. Spain to serve on the Nominating Committee.

The Committee's recommendation for the Board of Health Chairman and Vice Chairman will be presented at the Regular/Retreat Meeting scheduled on November 13, 2003.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Dr. McHugh made a motion to approve the minutes of July 10, 2003. Dr. Spain seconded the motion and it was approved with one abstention.

The Chairman recognized Mr.Letourneau.

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Mr. Letourneau asked Rebecca Freeman, Nutrition Director, to provide background information and to extend a special invitation to the Board.

Ms. Freeman provided a packet of nutrition information to each Board member in recognition of National Food Safety Education Month.

She recognized Tracey Bates, MPH, RD, LDN, who provided the Board an update of the many activities going on in the Nutrition Division. Ms. Bates extended an invitation to the Board members to visit the ***Farmer's Market Fair*** in the gym at Burton Elementary School on September 30, 2003 at 8:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

Mr. Letourneau said that Ms. Bates has done a good job working with the media. There have been a large number of Health Department articles in the newspaper where the Nutrition Division and many others have been involved. He said there is a lot going on and there is a great deal of good press about the Health Department.

**AMENDMENTS.** Mr. Letourneau recommended Board approval for the following amendments.

1. Recognize two grants totaling \$6,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services. The two grants will be used to purchase supplies needed for preparation and planning of bioterrorism events and to purchase computer and printer to augment the department's connectivity and networking capabilities as related to receipt and transmission of information pertaining to bioterrorism and public health topics (e.g. outbreaks, emergency alerts, etc.)
2. Recognize additional grant revenue in the amount of \$90,169 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health. Funds will be used to offset additional operating expenses for the Durham County Health Department's Public Health Regional Surveillance Team IV in their efforts to aid public health preparedness for the region.
3. Requests approval to recognize \$34,653 in revenue from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response. Funds help to support our efforts toward preparedness and response to bioterrorism and other public health threats and emergencies. The Health Department will use the funds for personnel to help with our efforts in planning and development of our "Mass Vaccination/Distribution Plan" and to purchase equipment to support the operation of satellite clinics.
4. Requests approval of \$53,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services for the Environmental Health Division. The Health Department was awarded this grant in collaboration with Durham Affordable Housing Coalition (DAHC). The Health Department will receive \$3,000 to support investigation and outreach efforts towards childhood lead poisoning prevention. The DAHC, under contract with the Health Department, will receive \$50,000 to support a Bilingual Housing Outreach Coordinator position, travel and training, supplies and contract services for design and translation of printed materials in their efforts towards childhood lead poisoning prevention for the Hispanic community.
5. Requests approval of \$47,240 in revenue from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health. This additional revenue is a continuation of the Bioterrorism (BT) Competitive Project funds provided to counties to support local bioterrorism preparedness and response efforts. Funds will be used to support planning and development of our Mass

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- Vaccination Plan through training efforts, purchase of support supplies and equipment, and any other position support of our Public Health Nurse II position designated for BT preparedness.
6. Recognize \$49,819 in new revenue from the Department of Health and Human Services for the Syphilis Elimination Project. Total grant project is \$151,319. Currently approved program budget is \$101,500. Funds will be used to hire a Health Educator I to assist in the syphilis elimination effort in Durham County. The total amount of money to be used for salary and fringe benefits is \$32,883. The remaining \$16,936 will be used to cover operating expenses. Continuation of the Health Educator I position is contingent upon continued grant funding.
  7. Requests approval to recognize \$33,328 in revenue from the Department of Health and Human Services, Women’s and Children’s Health Section. These are Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) Out-of-Wedlock Birth Prevention funds targeting low-income women who do not have Medicaid. Funds will be used in two program areas. In the Family Planning budget, (\$25,356 for salary and fringes and \$415 for operational expenses) and to purchase contraceptives supplies (\$3,350). The Practical Nurse II position will be responsible for administering Depo-Provera injections and notifying women of abnormal Pap smear results. This position will allow the existing staff more time to admit new patient, do follow-up examinations, and provide other contraceptive services.

The remaining \$8,207 will be used by the Health Education Division to provide incentives for the participants in the Together Everyone Achieves Something (TEAS) program, one of the Department’s efforts to reduce adolescent pregnancies.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion to accept the seven budget amendments as presented. Dr.Bordley seconded the motion and it was approved with no opposition.

**IMMUNIZATION RATES UPDATE.** Ms. Pam Weaver, RN, Local Health Administrator I, presented information for the Board to better understand why the rate for Durham County is continually below the State goal.

	1999	2000	2001	2002
Durham County	25%	55%	61%	64%
State Goal	67%	43%	52%	71%

According to the North Carolina Immunization Branch the annual immunization assessment rate reflects how well the local health departments are able to assure the age-appropriate immunization of children who have received *at least one* service from the health department. This method of assessment began in 1999.

All children born between a specified 12-month-period that received at least one service from the health department are included in the assessment during the year they would have reached 24 months of age. This information (date of birth and health department service) relies upon the existence of a patient master in the Health Services Information System (HSIS). Example: 2002 Assessment was based on birth cohort from 11/1/99 through 10/31/2000.

The existence of HSIS patient master information related to the designated birth cohort for Durham County is dependent on Health

Department programs such as the Immunization Program and Child Service Coordination. Most health departments in North Carolina offer WIC services but the Durham County Health Department does not. Lincoln Community Health Center (LCHC) manages WIC services. Children being served under the WIC Program are entered into the HSIS by LCHC and are considered by the State as having had a health department service. The uniqueness of this arrangement provides information in creating a patient master in the HSIS for children not actually receiving a health department service.

The annual assessment rates are determined by calculating how many eligible children in the specified cohort have complete records *documented* in the North Carolina Immunization Registry (NCIR). Children with religious and medical exemptions are not eligible for vaccines, so therefore they would be excluded from this calculation.

The reliance on *documented* immunization information and the exclusion of particular children from the assessed cohort characterize these assessment rates as Compliance Rates rather than Coverage Rates. They are a reflection of how well a local health department can assure that children within the eligible population are protected against preventable diseases.

Immunization Coverage Rates: The percentage of a defined population protected (meaning have received adequate immunizations) against specific vaccine-preventable diseases.

Immunization Compliance Rates: The percentage of a defined **eligible** population protected against specific vaccine-preventable diseases.

The analysis of this immunization information documented in the NCIR is conducted at the Immunization Branch in Raleigh in a standardized and consistent manner for all 100 local health departments. The Immunization Branch calculates the percentage of children who have completed the 4-3-1 series by 24 months of age for each local health department using NCIR data. Beginning in 2003 health departments will be assessed according to a 4-3-1-3-3 schedule.

4-3-1 series denotes 4 DtaP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR vaccines

4-3-1-3-3 series denotes 4 DtaP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 3 HIB, 3 Hepatitis b vaccines

With the increase in assessment criteria for the 2003 assessment year, it is likely that complete documentation of additional vaccines will not be present and thus compliance rates are likely to decrease. Again, this is a documentation issue, not necessarily a coverage issue.

The largest group of the eligible population in the assessment group for Durham County is children receiving WIC services. For the 2003 assessment year, the eligible birth cohort is 2,582 children, of which 2,243 are children receiving WIC services. As children are certified for WIC, the ideal would be for staff to obtain immunization records and input this data into the NCIR. Due to an overburdened WIC staff, this is not a possibility. In addition, a large proportion of Durham children receive healthcare from LCHC. As LCHC does receive vaccines from the North Carolina Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) they are able to offer vaccines to children at no charge. As a part of this program, NCIR data entry of these vaccines is mandated. Again, due to an overburdened staff

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at LCHC, the State has delegated this responsibility to our health department. The health department receives this information in two ways. First, as each child is given VFC vaccines, a Vaccines Administered Log (VAL) is manually completed by the provider and forwarded to the health department for data entry. Secondly, the public health nurse in the Immunization Clinic requests immunization information from LCHC and other providers in the community on the designated birth cohort. Upon receipt of this information, entry into the NCIR is a priority for data entry staff.

In addition to receipt of immunization data from LCHC, the data entry person also enters immunization data from 27 other vaccine providers in Durham County who participate in VFC. The data entry position is a 60% grant funded position. Data entry is prioritized, as directed by the State, to enter into NCIR immunization on the current year birth cohort. Manual data received is overwhelming and cannot be accomplished with limited resources.

These Compliance Rates are used by the State to gauge the progress of local health departments as they work towards achieving the following Healthy People 2010 Goals:

90% of children received 4-3-1 by 24 months of age  
95 % of children are included in a registry system.

The State Immunization Branch provides immunization compliance reviews to private providers in each county. This is accomplished by reviewing medical records, not through NCIR. When actual immunization records were reviewed in 9 Durham County practices, their rates ranged from 43% to 86%, with the average being 73%. The rate for LCHC for the 2002 assessment year was 84%.

The rates reflected for Durham County are actual documentation rates in NCIR rather than a true reflection of how well the children in our community are protected from vaccine-preventable diseases.

The Durham County Health Department looks forward to a fully implemented NCIR when each provider participating in VFC is totally responsible for vaccine accountability and responsible for entering into NCIR all immunizations given. When this is accomplished, we will truly be able to assess immunization coverage for children in Durham County through the NCIR.

The Board expressed its appreciation for the presentation and a discussion followed. Ms. Weaver responded to questions and handouts of the presentation were provided to the Board.

**GRANTS REPORT.** Ms. Marcia Robinson, Local Health Administrator, provided a summary of the grants received for FY 2002-2003.

Ms. Robinson explained a difference in the original amount of the grant shown on the summary and the amount received by the Department is due to staffing issues, as well as, the time of year the grant was received, which did not allow an adequate amount of time to expend that grant. Overall, she believed the Department did a good job of managing approximately \$2.5 million received in grant funds last year.

The Health Director said the Department actually spent 96.5% of grants actually received. He said the Department is reimbursed for

program activities from the grant, so the Department must spend the money in order to receive the money.

Mr. Letourneau responded to questions from the Board.

Dr. Bordley viewed this information as useful to the Board and expressed an interest in receiving it on a regular basis.

The Health Director said this information would be provided to the Board on a semi-annually basis.

**INFANT MORTALITY.** Ms. Gayle Harris, Assistant Health Director presented this item. She provided data from the N.C. State Center for Health Statistics.

In 2001 the infant death rate for Durham was better than the State's rate. In 2002 the rate was worse than the State. Overall, we are in line with the State rate but the numbers do not reflect the disparities that are present.

In 2002, Durham reported 14 *white* infant deaths and 21 classified as *other races*, for a total of 35. The total death rate went up to 9.0 deaths per thousand live births.

There was approximately a 3% decrease in non-white births and approximately a 6% increase in white births. That is approximately 5.6% more white births in 2002 as opposed to 2001 and 2.6% less non-white births occurred in 2002 than in 2001.

A record review of 33 death certificates for 2002 shows the majority of deaths are related to prematurity. The Durham community is fortunate to have a level -3 hospital (DUMC), if these births occurred someplace else they would not be counted as live births because they are extremely premature (18 weeks gestation vs. 40 weeks full term pregnancy) and weigh less than 1 pound.

The good news is that the number of infant deaths attributed to such causes as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and injuries related to the correct use of car seats, etc. are down. Consequently, the Health Department must focus on identifying multiple strategies to deal with the issue of premature births.

Racial disparities continue with the African American leading in the number of infant deaths. Infant deaths in the Hispanic population are increasing. In other communities where there has been an influx of Latinos the statistics show that initially they do well, but then become assimilated into the culture. The same things that happen with other cultures begin to happen in their culture. It is not known if this is a result of added stress due to the lack of family support that would be provided in their homeland or limited access to health care. The potential is that as long as there is restricted access to health care and those that are uninsured, the numbers will continue to rise. The deaths are primarily located in zip code areas 27701, 27703, and 27704.

The Health Departments in North Carolina are not able to extract information from an infant's medical record to identify risk factors. Only the Child Fatality Prevention Team is allowed to review the medical records. It would be quite cumbersome to get a parent's permission to grant a medical record review.

In response to the Chairman, Ms. Harris said the mother's medical record could be reviewed if she was a patient at the Health Department. The Department is beginning to look at patient rosters and information in the system to check this clientele.

The largest number of infant deaths occurs at less than 1 month of age, which is again reflective of extreme prematurity. The mother's age range spans from 17-35 with the average age being 24.2 years of age. These infant deaths rates are not directly linked to teenage pregnancies.

The Department is hopeful for 2003. At present there are 8 infant deaths for the calendar year.

Ms. Harris responded to questions from the Board.

The Assistant Health Director said that these deaths are Durham County residents. The Department is attempting to follow these deaths as they occur. Several initiatives are in place and one that the Department is most proud of is the Lay Health Advisors that work with its clients that live in the low-income neighborhoods. These residents-clients are being taught health promotion messages that they share with their neighbors. Health Educators are also taking part in this initiative.

Ms. Harris said the media provided very good coverage of the Lay Health Advisor office that was opened in McDougald Terrace. She said some of these clients have been to Raleigh to address some of their issues with their legislators and some have become fairly polished spokespersons in articulating some of their needs and issues.

There was further discussion by the Board. The Board expressed its appreciation for the presentation.

**ASSIGNMENT OF MEDICAID BENEFITS FOR UN-BILLABLE SERVICES.** Mr. Letourneau said the State has approached all the local health departments to sign a Memorandum of Agreement to assign un-billable Medicaid benefits to the State for collection and the funds would then be put back into the public health system.

The Health Director said un-billable benefits means services provided more than 12 months ago for individuals who the Health Department did not know were eligible for Medicaid at the time the service was provided. The State has contracted with a consultant who has a software package that searches various databases and matches the names of individuals who receive services with their eligibility status, income, etc. If the individual proves to have been eligible for Medicaid at the time of service, it allows the records to be matched up and Medicaid is billed for the services received by the individual.

Mr. Letourneau said the Health Department is forbidden legally to bill Medicaid for services provided more than 12 months ago. The State believes it has legal authority to bill for those services.

Mr. Letourneau said he believes it is the right thing to do and it serves the interest of public health. The Health Department cannot collect the money; if the State can collect the benefits from the Federal Government and make use of it then the local health departments would eventually become a beneficiary of whatever progress it makes.

Mr. Letourneau asks the Board’s permission to approach the Board of County Commissioners for its approval to grant the Health Director the authority to assign un-billable Medicaid benefits to the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Letourneau answered questions from the Board.

Ms. Smullin made a motion to approve the Health Director’s request to approach the Board of County Commissioners for its approval to grant him the authority to assign un-billable Medicaid benefits to the State of North Carolina through the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement. Dr. Spain seconded the motion and it was approved with no opposition.

**HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORT. September 2003**

**GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES CLINIC  
BCCCP/Adult Health Screening Program**

- 28 women in July and 23 women in August were screened in the BCCCP Project (Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program).
- 50 women in July and 26 women in August were screened for domestic violence.
- 92 persons in July and 64 persons in August were screened for hypertension.

**Communicable Diseases Screening**

- 464 persons in July and 364 persons in August were screened in STD Clinic.
- 351 persons in July and 295 persons in August were screened for HIV: (217 tested in July and 172 tested in August at Durham County Health Department; 108 tested in July and 81 tested in August at Lincoln Community Health Center; 9 tested in July and 9 tested in August at the Durham County Jail, 17 tested in July and 33 tested in August through community outreach). There were 2 positive tests in July and 2 positive tests in August.

**Reportable Diseases (Other than STDs)**

	<u>July</u>	
<u>August</u>		
• Hepatitis A:	1	0
• Hepatitis B, Acute:	1	0
• Hepatitis B, Carrier:	*6	*2
• Rabies Bite Investigations:	7	3
• Tuberculosis Cases:	1	0
• Campylobacter:	4	3
• Salmonellosis:	7	5
• Shigella:	1	2
• E. Coli 0157:H7:	0	0
• Cryptosporidiosis:	1	0
• Pertussis:	1	0
• Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever:	0	0
• Brucellosis	0	0
• Malaria	0	0

\*Note: As we get lab reports of HBV carriers sent (forwarded) to us by the state, these do not represent new cases necessarily. They are often known carriers of some duration never reported initially by patient’s physicians.



### **Outbreaks**

The North Carolina HIV/STD Prevention Branch recently identified a previously unrecognized HIV epidemic in young adults, many of whom are attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the state. Durham County has been identified as one of the counties affected by this outbreak. In response to this issue, Dr. Arlene Sena, Cedar Eagle (HIV Counseling and Testing Supervisor), and the DCHD Division of Health Education have been working with the state and North Carolina Central University to promote HIV testing and education on campus.

### **Immunizations**

Immunizations given: 510 in July and 688 in August

### **Pharmacy**

Prescriptions filled: 3,997 in July and 3,280 in August

### **Laboratory**

Tests performed: 5,430 in July and 5,224 in August

### **Activities of Staff**

- TB Clinic staff provided PPD testing and TB screening to the homeless shelter.
- Hattie Wood, RN, and Arlene Sena, MD made three court appearances for TB health law violators in the community.
- Dr. Sena and Donnie McFall, Environmental Health Director, participated in the July Durham County Cable TV show to educate the public about West Nile virus and other emerging communicable diseases.
- Dr. Sena attended the N.C. HIV/STD Prevention Branch Epi Streamlining Committee, which continued to develop new recommendations for STD clinic services throughout the state.
- Sandy McFall and Robin Livingstone, RN participated in the Health Department's Kindergarten Assessment clinic.
- General Health Services assisted the N.C. HIV/STD Prevention Branch by conducting a pilot study of rapid HIV testing (Ora-Quick) among high- risk clients attending the STD Clinic.
- Pam Weaver, RN attended the Durham County Emergency Operations Center Abbottsville Tabletop Exercise on August 29, 2003.

### **HEALTH EDUCATION DIVISION**

- Joanie Hoggard negotiated with the Department of Human Resources to expand the Lunchtime Aerobic exercise to include the use of the indoor track. In the past year several employees have expressed interest in indoor track.
- Spin cycle aerobics was introduced for a trial period during Lunchtime Aerobics. Due to the large number of participants during the trial period, the sessions will continue to be offered on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. County employees now have three options during Lunchtime Aerobics.
- Joanie Hoggard exhibited a gun safety display and information at Hillside High School for Project Uplift.
- Aimee Krans was instrumental in the selection of the downtown YMCA as a site for Durham's PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise) program. She assisted in the participant screening process. She is currently working with staff from UNC to facilitate the program.
- The Health Promotion & Wellness Team recorded Public Service announcements (fitness, gun safety, and one tip of the month on

prostate cancer promoting the free community screenings) at WDNC and an interview with WRAL on gun safety.

- Carlotta Lee and Caressa McLaughlin each conducted presentations on STDs/HIV/AIDS for participants of the Vacation Bible Study program at St. Titus Episcopal Church.
- Carlotta Lee conducted a safer-sex presentation for mentally challenged participants at Threshold.
- Carlotta Lee and Project Save A Fellow Eagle (SAFE) peer educators presented information about the services offered through Project SAFE and staffed an information booth at North Carolina Central University's (NCCU) Student Orientation, Registration, and Testing Event (SORTE) for incoming representatives to discuss the possibility of establishing ongoing syphilis screening at their site.
- Jessica Self presented an exhibit with information about Project StraighTalk, prevention methods, and educational brochures at the Annual Crape Myrtle Festival.
- The Communicable Disease Education team attended the North Carolina HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch's CBO Regional Training.
- Jessica Self provided information about various health topics and the Health Education Division's services at the New Red Mountain Baptist Church health fair
- The Communicable Disease Education team conducted weekly community /street outreach in the area around Health Department (Urban Ministries, Main and Liberty Streets) distributing brochures and various prevention methods.
- Caressa McLaughlin and Jessica Self attended the Peer Education Training Site (PETS) Community Advisory Board meeting.
- Jessica Self attended the "Beyond the Forum" program presented by Duke AIDS Research and Treatment Center's Community Advisory Board held at Duke University Medical Center.
- Carlotta Lee staffed an information booth at the "Zion's Children and Youth 2003 Extravaganza" held at North Carolina Central University's (NCCU) Athletic Complex.
- On behalf of Project SAFE, Carlotta Lee attended a luncheon meeting with North Carolina Central University's Student Health Services to discuss future collaborations in the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.
- Carlotta Lee coordinated and co-facilitated a meeting with Project SAFE's former peer educators to discuss recruitment efforts.
- Project STAND, Durham's syphilis elimination project, was a sponsor for the nationally syndicated Russ Parr Morning Show on K97.5 FM Radio, which broadcast in Durham on August 7 at the Hayti Heritage Center. Project STAND staff attended the live broadcast and distributed information to the audience about syphilis and other STDs.
- Jessica Self attended the Statewide Community Planning Group meeting as a proxy for the Region IV Planning Group.
- Caressa McLaughlin staffed an STD/HIV exhibit at Sherwood Apartments' Community Day, and Y.E. Smith Magnet School.
- An Intensive Community Education Effort (ICEE) was conducted on August 18. A total of 43 individuals were reached and 11 people were tested for HIV and syphilis.
- Jessica Self and Willa Robinson attended the first of four workshops on Social Marketing as representatives of the Health Department's Media Relations Committee.
- Project STAND was a sponsor for K97.5's "Salute to Higher Education" on August 28 on the campus of NCCU.

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- The Lead Education and Assessment Program (LEAP) staff participated in a health fair in the Sherwood Park Community and a back to school health fair at Y. E. Smith.
- Several members of the team attended training on working with the Faith-Based Community to prevent teen pregnancy.
- Annette Carrington and Robin Pittman attended “Lead-Safe for Kids’ Sake” grant meetings to discuss how the funds will be used in Durham. A half-day retreat is planned to work out the logistics on September 10, 2003.
- Robin Pittman attended the Durham Health Partners Health Planning Committee meeting to present on the focus groups discussions she conducted for the Community Health Assessment.
- LEAP made random calls to 12 pediatricians that accept Medicaid to find out if they routinely conduct lead screenings. Three of them said that they provide screening and testing according to guidelines. The others said that they test for lead exposure if the parents request it. LEAP staff will target pediatricians’ offices will outreach education.
- LEAP attended a meeting with Durham CAN to discuss goals for the upcoming year. During the meeting, it was indicated that Durham CAN would focus more on the environmental health aspect of lead while LEAP will continue to provide screenings and education.
- Jennifer Woodward attended the Family Day and the State Tobacco Free Schools Task Force meetings.
- Jennifer Woodward made a presentation on family life classes and tobacco policy at the Middle and High School health teachers meeting.
- Carlotta Lee, Caressa McLaughlin, Heather Scott, and Jessica Self attended the Diversity Training offered by the State Health Department.

**DENTAL DIVISION**

- During the months of July and August, 1,561 dental procedures were performed during 291 patient encounters. Sixty (60) percent of the patients seen were covered by Medicaid, 12.7% Health Choice, 26% uninsured and charged according to the sliding fee schedule, and 1% covered by private insurance.
- Ownership of the Tooth Ferry dental van officially transferred to Durham County from Duke University Medical Center July 28, 2003. Lori Kearney, who has been the driver/receptionist for the Van during its existence, also transferred from DUMC to become a Durham County employee in order to continue driving the van and providing general office assistance on the unit.
- The 2003-04 school year for the van started with Holt Elementary School the week of July 21<sup>st</sup>. It is currently at Oak Grove Elementary School where it started providing dental services the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Drs. McIntosh and Ellis attended calibration training provided by the NC Oral Health Section in August. These training sessions were held to train those participating in the statewide dental screenings using the criteria established by the NC Oral Health Section. The trainings will reduce if not eliminate personal differences in the dental screening exams. The training also increases the probability that the data totals for each County will give an accurate picture of the rate of caries in the state while illustrating where there is a need to focus efforts to increase access to dental care.
- Dental screenings provided by the Dental Division at DPS elementary schools for the 2003-04 school year began on August 28<sup>th</sup> at Oak Grove Elementary and will continue into December. All grades will be screened at the schools visited by the van. However, only kindergarten and fifth grades, as required by the State, will be

screened at other elementary schools. Ninety-three (93) children were screened at Holt Elementary. Ten of those screened had obvious needs. At Oak Grove, 240 children were screened and 18 were found to have obvious needs.

- Several staff members attended continuing education courses during July and August. Gloria Currie and Lori Kearney attended the “Dental Anatomy and Dental Terminology” course provided at Wake AHEC. Phyllis Edgerston attended a course provided on sharpening curettes and scalers used to remove tartar from teeth during dental prophylaxis. Dr. Quinonez, the part-time Pedodontist, attended a course at UNC on consent for minors.
- Dr. McIntosh attended training provided by Durham County Human Resources entitled “Interactive Management: Core Skills for Building Commitment.”
- Dr. Ellis met with the principals and dental service coordinators of Holt and Oak Grove regarding arrangements needed for conducting dental screenings, obtaining parental consents and medical histories for children scheduled for dental services, and scheduling children to minimize instructional time missed during treatment.

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH DIVISION**

### **Women’s Health:**

#### **Family Planning Clinic**

- There were 288 Initial and Annual physical exams performed in Family Planning Clinic in July 2003 compared to 237 exams performed in July 2002.
- There were 282 exams performed in August 2003 compared to 243 performed in August 2002.
- There is only a two-week wait for a physical exam appointment in Family Planning Clinic for established patients, teens, and those needing postpartum exams (women who had their prenatal care at Lincoln Community Health Center). However, adult women who have never been to the Family Planning Clinic before may have to wait for two months for an appointment. They are encouraged to come to the clinic at a time that is convenient for them as a “standby” in case those with appointments do not show up.

#### **Baby Love and Postpartum/Newborn**

- There were 499 Maternal Care Coordination services provided in July, and 506 were provided in August.
- One hundred twelve Maternal Outreach services were provided in July, and 123 were provided in August.
- Staff made 38 Postpartum Home Visits and 38 Newborn Home Visits in July and 37 Postpartum and 39 Newborn Home Visits in August.
- The Baby Love Program would like to thank community supporters for their generosity. During the month of July, Holy Infant Church made a donation of DATA bus passes. Paramount Technology Group gave a \$100 donation for the purchase of diapers, and Alpha Management Service, Inc. gave baby clothes.

#### **Maternity Clinic**

- There were 629 clinic encounters in July and 483 in August.
- Ninety-nine new patients were seen in July; 48 of these were Hispanic. Sixty-three new patients were seen in August; 24 of these were Hispanic.

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- Maternity Clinic continued to be short-staffed, down two nursing positions. Three interviews were conducted for a Public Health Nurse I position; all 3 declined because the salary was too low.
- “Baby Steps” is a smoking cessation program and research study offered to the maternity patients by a group from DUMC. Nicotine replacement is a part of this program to help those who cannot quit any other way.

**Children and Youth Service:**

- Anne Best was promoted to Child Health Supervisor, effective September 1, 2003.
- Kathy Jackson attended the CityMatCH conference in Pittsburgh, Pa., August 27 –30, 2003. She was invited as a presenter on the topic “Targeting Quality Child Care for the Healthy Success of Children.”

**Health Check**

- The Health Check Coordinators will collaborate with Carolina Access Outreach Program to assist families that use Emergency Department visits for primary care. Personal contact will be established to inform families of local health providers’ normal operating hours and to aid in establishing guidelines for preventive care. This specifically applies to families enrolled in Carolina Access (Medicaid managed care) or the LATCH program (for Hispanic and other immigrant families).
- Spanish-speaking staff from the Carolina Access Outreach Program will assist Health Check with follow-up of Spanish-speaking families when needed.

**School Health**

- School Health Staff completed Diabetes Awareness training for Durham Public School staff. School nurses are assisting staff in individual schools with implementation of diabetes awareness.
- A Medication Administration class was also held for DPS staff.
- Catherine Medlin and Clementine Buford met with Durham Public Schools coordinators for the Exceptional Children’s Program to discuss issues and nursing responsibilities to the program.
- Chinuawa Sutphin replaced Janice Anderson on the Public Health Nurses Continuing Education Advisory Committee, the committee that identifies and responds to the continuing education needs of local public health nurses.
- Megan Harris and Clementine Buford participated in the reorganization of the NC Action for Healthy Kids (NC AFHK) in Raleigh along with approximately 60 other representatives of various health disciplines from all over North Carolina.
- Clementine Buford and Janice Anderson participated in the School Nurse Association of North Carolina (SNANC) Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

**Child Service Coordination (CSC)**

- Restructuring of Infant-Toddler Program services (services for 0-3 year-old children with special developmental needs) began July 1. Child Service Coordination is one component of this program. Durham and six other counties comprise one of the pilot groups for the process. Cheryl Kegg, RN, MPH, CSC Supervisor, has taken a leadership role for the region in defining the issues and challenges related to restructuring and in proposing options.
- One part of the restructuring process requires that all staff that provides services (including service coordination) have the Infant-

Toddler Specialist credential within 3 years. Those who don't have it must be under the supervision of someone who does. Cheryl Kegg has received her certification, and several other staff members are expected to have their certification within the next few months.

#### **Neighborhood Nursing**

- Kerry Smith resigned effective September 19, 2003. She plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Women's and Children's Health at UNC-Chapel Hill.
- Ann Milligan-Barnes and Joyce Snipes presented two workshops on HIV/AIDS awareness to 20 participants at Fayette Place. The success of the program prompted numerous residents to request condoms and HIV/AIDS information.

#### **Adult Health: Home Health**

- Home Health continued to experience a nursing shortage; three nursing positions are vacant. The program is unable to accept new referrals at this time in order to maintain the high standard of Home Health services to the current clientele.
- The Home Health program would like to congratulate Anne Best, RN, PHN III on her promotion to PHN Supervisor I with the Child Health Program. The program wishes Ms. Best the "BEST" of luck in her new position.

#### **Jail Health**

- Jail Health would like to welcome Jo Ann Emmons, Processing Assistant III, to the program. Ms. Emmons is working with the staff to upgrade the current medical record system.
- Sadie Vestal, RN, PHN II, is looking forward to educating nursing students about inmate issues in jail health. Three nursing students have requested opportunities to spend time observing Jail Health activities.
- The Jail Health Medical Program continued to experience a nursing staff shortage. Essential services continue to be provided to the inmates with the assistance of agency nurses.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Gayle Harris attended the kick-off luncheon at the Sheraton Imperial for the annual "Walk for the Cure" event and the meetings of the Community Collaborative, Wellness Partnership, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Lincoln Community Health Center Board of Directors, Dental Advisory Committee, Durham Health Partners, Health Planning Committee and its ad hoc Legislative Committee, Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board, the Department's Media Relations Committee, and Steering Committee for the County's United Way Campaign.
- Becky Freeman, Sue Guptill, Pam Weaver, Miriam McIntosh, Gayle Harris, and the Health Director participated in the "Healthy Everybody" community results workgroup in an effort to identify a group of indicators that would be measures of the health status of the community.

#### **NUTRITION DIVISION**

##### **Staffing Status**

- DINE's Adolescent Nutritionist position has finally been filled after a 2-year vacancy. A hearty welcome to the Nutrition Division is extended to Lynne Privette. Lynn comes to us from John Umstead Hospital, where she worked with adults and teens. She is fluent in

Spanish and will focus on healthy nutrition, physical activity and food safety for teens in DINE target middle schools and the community eligible for food stamps.

**Success Stories/Outcomes/Impacts--Community Team**

- Staff made trail mix for the Calvary Church summer camp healthy snacks lesson. The mix included dried pineapple. One of the students (former Fayetteville Street student) said he remembered tasting dried pineapple during nutrition class last school year.
- A school nutritionist saw one of her students from a target classroom out at a coffee shop in Durham. The student said she had just finished reading a great book about nutrition. She introduced the school nutritionist to her mother as “her nutritionist”.
- Staff from SEEDS commented on a nutrition session provided for teens in the community: “I know teenagers are a difficult group to keep their attention and interest and you did a great job with a smile. It really helped to talk about their lives. It really helped to bring the nutrition message home. I thought it was great and we will be able to build upon this excellent foundation”!
- DINE staff established “new” program contacts at several Durham housing developments - Weaver Street Recreation Center, McDougald Terrace, Lakemoore Apartments, and Fayette Place to provide nutrition presentations for food stamp eligible individuals.

**Success Stories/Outcomes/Impacts--Clinical Team**

- “Great job!” and “I’m not just another person with a patient number; they all take the time and are very caring and encouraging!” from clients receiving nutrition services at Duke OB High Risk Clinic.
- “The nutritionist gave me good ideas to help my son stay healthy” from mother of child on Medicaid who received a home visit from the nutritionist.
- “She was excellent and very, very helpful. She also gave my kids plenty of information that they very much needed”, from mother of children seen in Health Department’s Nutrition Clinic.

**Medical Nutrition Therapy Services**

- Received new referrals for 72 children and 20 adults.
- Provided 97 medical nutrition therapy services to children, 229 to pre-conceptional or high-risk pregnant women or families with high-risk infants, and 31 to adults.
- Provided 132 consultations to caregivers and providers regarding patient care.
- Referred 72 high-risk pregnant women to the Women, Infants and Children Program for supplemental foods.

**Elementary Schools**

- Conducted a total of 19 summer nutrition sessions and 2 healthy foods taste tests with 226 student contacts in DINE for LIFE target schools. Topics included healthy snacks, fruit and vegetable rainbow, food safety and fitness/fluids.
- “Safe Food National Park” is a life-sized food safety game on loan from U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Raleigh office. Children in the summer program at Burton elementary school played the game. The activity taught hand washing and safe food handling practices for children.
- Analyzed/reviewed pre-post screening data, including open-ended questions, and prepared final evaluation reports/student outcomes, including an evaluation and report of “Teacher Feedback Forms”.

- Revised/up-dated DINE for LIFE Series Curriculum lessons: Pyramid I and II, Healthy Snacks, Food Labels, Meat/Proteins, Media, Food Safety, Fitness, Overview, Fruit – Vegetable, Breakfast, Grains and Calcium.
- Up-dated and revised DINE’s pre/post intervention screening tool and open-ended questions, student picture screening posters, and healthy foods taste-test response tool.
- Drafted a plan for yearlong fruit and vegetable promotions starting with a farmer’s market promotional “kick-off” at Burton elementary. Plans incorporated consultations with 5-a-Day Coalition members at State DHHS, Whole Foods, Fowler’s and Lowes Markets, Durham Farmer’s Market, the North Carolina Sweet Potato Association, and school principals and faculty. School newsletter articles/flyers promoting the Fall pilot “kickoff” promotion include press releases to local media and invitations to parents, Durham Public School Board members, DCHD Board of Health, and Durham County Board of County Commissioners, Wellness Partnership members and collaborative partners. Information will be provided on school and community promotional activities planned throughout the year.
- Sent letters to the 10 DINE target elementary schools' principals summarizing last year’s classroom and school promotional activities on nutrition, physical activity and food safety; and requesting planning meetings to discuss up-coming school year activities, to request nutritionist attendance at faculty meetings to promote DINE, and to obtain classroom rosters.

#### **Media Connections**

- WDNC Radio Live interview on Better Living News for “Mix It with Milk/Kid’s Day Celebration and Contest” for 15,000 listeners (event follow-up, announcement of winners, recipe entries/judging); listed on Better Living News website.
- “Safe Food National Park” press release sent to all local Media contacts.
- “Shake It With Milk” article by Al Carson about MIWM/Mix Off/Kid’s Day’s front page in Herald-Sun Food and Dining Section (Circulation 62,000).
- Durham Convention and Visitors Bureau’s Bulls eye article on Winner’s Circle.
- Distributed Volume 3 Issue 4 of the Alive! Newsletter to 7, 516 food stamp households in Durham County.
- Entered survey data for 157 returned Survey Cards included in Issue 3 of the Alive Newsletter to obtain feedback on usefulness of information and to determine any self-reported knowledge/behavior changes related to nutrition, physical activity, and food safety.
- Developed a DINE for LIFE fact sheet for DSS staff on school and community strategies/interventions used to provide nutrition education for Durham’s food stamp population.
- “How Safe is Your Food” article by Al Carson in Herald-Sun Mainly-4-Kids section.
- “Tenga Cuidado con la Comida que Lleve a sus Paseos” article in LA Noticia By Sandra Naranjo.
- County Wellness Tips on the Benefits of Breastfeeding in honor of World Breastfeeding Week.
- Herald-Sun Healthy Living section Fitness Forum Q & A.
- Quotes and helpful tips included in healthy after school snacks article for September Carolina Parent Magazine.
- Contributed article on food safety - Senior Post.

#### **Health Promotion—Community Outreach**



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- Provided group nutrition sessions on food safety at 6 senior centers including a healthy snack taste test and food safety handout.
- Conducted a basic nutrition session at El Centro for their Hispano Teen Group. Healthy food taste-tests of a variety of fruits and vegetables provided along with handouts on calculating soft drink costs, 5 A Day, and the Guide to Good Eating.
- Provided a group nutrition session at Threshold Rehab Center to 35 participants on the Food Guide Pyramid; to 5 participants in July and 18 participants in August at the Durham Center on nutrition during recovery; to 15 participants on balanced meals and Food Guide Pyramid at McDougald Terrace “Home Talk”; to 13 participants at Lakemoore Apartments on fiber, recipe modification, June Alive! Newsletter; to 7 participants at Dove House on budgeting and grocery shopping; and to six teens at SEEDS on portion sizes, 5-a-Day, fiber and exercise.
- Distributed quarterly Alive! Newsletters to 7,516 food stamp households in Durham County. This "Back-to-School" issue provided valuable information for parents and caregivers on importance of breakfast and healthy back to school eating.
- Conducted nutrition presentation on “Low-fat Milk and Milk Temperature” to 45 Durham Public Schools Child Nutrition Services cafeteria managers during orientation training. Announced a low fat milk sales and milk temperature monitoring contest for cafeteria managers this year.
- Conducted a Community Health Fair at Antioch Baptist Church on for 30 participants; Y.E. Smith Open House/Community day for 40 participants; and Burton Open House for 65 participants.
- Conducted food safety outreach with "Fight Bac" messages at a Durham Bulls game.

**Community Collaborative Efforts**

- Met with Catherine Williamson-Hardy, DSS Food Stamp Program Manager, to discuss up-coming State monitoring of the DINE for LIFE program and to solicit feedback on a “DINE for LIFE fact sheet” on strategies/interventions used to provide food stamp nutrition education in Durham County and for suggestions of additional ways to effectively meet the nutrition education needs of the food stamp population.
- Participated in committee meetings/conference calls/consultations – Action for Healthy Kids NC to develop State Nutrition Guidelines/Standards; Steps to a Healthier US grant proposal to NC Department of Health and Human Services; Wellness Trust Fund proposal for combating childhood overweight/obesity with Wellness Partnership and Durham Parks and Recreation Department Staff; North Carolina Nutrition Network on upcoming Annual meeting and social marketing strategies; at Durham Center and Watts Elementary on “Family Day” promotional activities; at YMCA for Fitness and Nutrition Council planning meeting; with Durham Farmer’s Market manager, regarding fruit and vegetable promotional activities “kick-off” at Burton Elementary; with Hillside staff regarding nutrition presentation for parents at Hillside High School; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Coordinator at Y.E. Smith regarding DINE for LIFE program and distributing nutrition information to parents and caregivers.
- Conducted a food safety promotion/planning meeting with the FDA Public Affairs Specialist to collaborate on food safety activities, including a food safety display for Durham Bulls Athletic Park’s “Kids Safety Day; Herald Sun Newspaper Insert celebrating “Food Safety Month” for September, and other food safety activities in schools, senior centers and the community at large.

- Submitted North Carolina Healthy Weight Initiative and Eat Smart, Move More North Carolina Community Grants Application (\$20,000) to extend low-fat milk availability/promotion to non-DINE elementary schools interested in improving school health policy and environments.
- Participated in meetings of Durham's Healthy Everybody workgroup and committee on children 0 through 11 years old.

**Training/Professional Development**

- The Obesity Epidemic: Reversing the Trend Among America’s Youth, teleconference sponsored by CityMatCH and the National Association of County and City Health Officials
- North Carolina Lactation Education Training Program, sponsored by Northwest Area Health Education Center and Wake Forest University School of Medicine
- The Impact of Infant Feeding on Obesity and Diabetes, teleconference sponsored by Public Health Grand Rounds, California Department of Health Services
- Society for Nutrition Education Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**

- Donnie McFall, Division Director and member of the Durham City/County Bioterrorism Task Force, attended a national seminar, “Local Response to Terrorism: Lessons Learned from the 9-11 Attack on the Pentagon”, in Arlington, Virginia. Many of the personnel who provided emergency response for that tragic incident shared accounts of their hands-on experience and the lessons they learned. “Building relationships with other agencies” and “training” were the two key preparedness criteria. Durham’s Task Force includes representatives from emergency response agencies, hospitals and public health. This group has shared and trained together for two years. The Leadership Team participated in the Emergency Management sponsored tabletop exercise regarding emergency response.
- Arboviral activity has significantly increased over the last two months. Numerous cases of LaCrosse Encephalitis, West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis have been identified in North Carolina. North Carolina has ten human cases of West Nile Virus. Numerous press releases and information bulletins have been issued on a regular basis.
- Christen Klaus, an Environmental Health Specialist from Quincy, Illinois, joined the Water & Waste Section of the division. After completing Centralized Intern Training and state authorization, Ms. Klaus will conduct lot evaluations, issue permits, and inspect sewage disposal systems.
- Division enforcement and compliance activities for the last two months include:

Food, Lodging and Institutions:	602 inspections 209 compliance visits 22 plans reviewed
Swimming Pools:	138 inspections 12 compliance visits
Lead:	4 investigations
Wells:	106 consultative contacts 26 samples taken
On-Site Waste Water:	38 improvement permits issued 40 construction authorizations 416 total site visits

**HEALTH DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

- Participated in a series of meetings designed to develop community health outcome measurements as part of the overall Outcome Based Budgeting project initiated by Durham County Government. Indicator rates such as low-birth weight, infant mortality, HIV/AIDS, STDs, etc. will be tracked.
- Co-Chaired three Durham Family Initiative Collaborative meetings with Dan Hudgins from Social Services. The goal of the initiative is to significantly reduce child abuse and neglect in Durham over a ten-year period.
- Met with Abby Pons from the Jordan Institute for Families to assess the need for the development of an Institute for Community and Family Collaboration.
- Attended the Latino Access To Health Services retreat. Duke's Division of Family and Community Medicine has applied for 2<sup>nd</sup> year funding. The Infectious Disease screening clinic held at El Centro paid by the grant will not be continued. Clinic volume has been low and disease finding resulted in only two Chlamydia cases being diagnosed. Extending the Health Department's current Tuesday late clinic later in the evening is being discussed as an alternative.
- Met with Ron Marshall, auditor for the NC Medicaid program, to discuss the upcoming Durham County Health Department Medicaid audit. Mr. Marshall anticipates a smooth audit process.
- Attended the Region Five Health Directors meeting at the Guilford County Department of Public Health. Issues related to the recent Smallpox Immunization Project were discussed at length.
- Participated in the Durham Center's Emergency Crisis Request for Proposal planning committee. The Durham Center is in the process of divesting a majority of its direct mental health services to private providers.
- Met with Deputy County Manager Carolyn Titus and Emergency Management Director Jeff Batten to review the complaints from Mr. Julian Bartell of 4911 Denfield Street of a hazardous waste spill and chemical contamination of his two wells by the developer of the housing project across the street from his property. The Health Department conducted biological and chemical testing of the well water on Mr. Bartell's property and found no evidence of chemical contamination. However, the testing did determine that Mr. Bartell's primary water well is contaminated with fecal coliform and must be either repaired or abandoned.
- Attended the Carolina Access II Steering Committee meeting. Expansion of the project to counties north and east of Durham was discussed.
- Attended a Board of County Commissioner's Work Session to hear a report on the recent visit to Raleigh's The Healing Place, a progressive men's homeless shelter designed to move people back into mainstream living circumstances.
- Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of Operation Breakthrough new building at Eastway Elementary School. The building was financed in large part through Durham's Partnership for Children.
- Participated in two Durham Family Initiative System of Care meetings. Coordination of services across County Human Services Departments, the Durham Public Schools, and the Court System is the outcome the group is working to achieve.
- Attended a Durham Neighborhood College training meeting. The Health Department will present during the October 16 session at Durham City Hall.
- Attended the Duke University Health System Bio-Defense Group meeting. There is general opposition to restarting the smallpox

vaccination program. Lack of a defined threat coupled with the risk of adverse reactions involving the heart is behind the opposition. The response to SARS was discussed with general agreement that the medical community did a good job responding to the recent threat. We can improve our response to future incidents.

- Met with a team of epidemiologists from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding the region's surging HIV rates, particularly among college age men. The team will concentrate on the MSM population as it analyzes the outbreak.
- Attended the Durham County Emergency Operations Center Abbottsville tabletop exercise. A chlorine leak at a high school swimming pool was the subject of the exercise.
- Hosted the Quarterly Staff Meeting in the BOCC Chambers. Will Robinson from the Health Education Division, was selected as the Pamela Wall-Brame Employee of the Quarter. Congratulations to Willa for this well deserved recognition.
- Participated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Durham Health Summit planning committee.
- Represented the Health Department at the Lincoln School of Nursing Centennial celebration dinner.

#### **OTHER.**

Mr. Letourneau said that today is the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks and that public health is done differently today than it was done in the past. There is a Weapons of Mass Destruction event organized by the Emergency Management Office on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> to be held on the NCCU campus. The Health Department will be a part of this event and respond appropriately. It views this event as an opportunity to get involved in more preparation for public health response.

The Health Director said the other event is in November. The Department is planning an Influenza Immunization Project. A *drive-through* event is planned. He said this activity would provide practice for vaccine distribution in the event of an attack with a biological agent or if an infectious pathogen entered Durham that would need to be managed.

Mr. Letourneau said the Department is constantly looking at ways to improve its response to emerging pathogens and bioterrorism issues.

The Health Director invited the Board to observe the event and to also receive the flu shot.

There was Board discussion regarding how this event would be marketed and the estimated amount of time the Department has been involved with bioterrorism preparedness planning.

Mr. Letourneau said the Department has received State money to hire a fulltime coordinator to help manage the logistics of it, which is what has taken the largest amount of time.

The Chairman expressed appreciation to Mr. Donnie McFall who has been involved at great length with the Department's bioterrorism planning efforts. He said he learned many things about Mr. McFall through a Herald-Sun article.

Mr. Small also applauded all the staff for their efforts in keeping Durham County's well being at the forefront in these efforts.

Mr. Zatti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. McHugh seconded the motion and it was approved with no opposition.

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